

General / informative notification in the context of EWS procedure

Aflatoxin B1 in maize gluten feed originating from south-western France

Be alert!

Possible contamination with Aflatoxin B1 observed in maize gluten feed from France. Be alert when purchasing. This EWS alert is of immediate effect.

What is the issue?

GMP+ International has been informed about various batches of maize gluten feed containing increased levels of Aflatoxin B1. The maize gluten feed in question has been produced using maize originating from south-western France. Although the maize used complies with the standard, permitted levels have been exceeded in the maize gluten feed as a result of the concentration factor during processing.

Product:	Maize gluten feed
Contaminants:	Aflatoxin B1
Levels observed:	Concentrations of up to 0.0186 mg/kg found.
Feed safety limit:	0.02 mg/kg in feed materials (0.005 mg/kg if supplied directly to dairy farmers)
Origin	South-western France
Distribution:	Supplied to France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.
Period:	Q1 2021
Status:	The parties involved have been informed by the producer, but it is currently not known whether other producers have also processed maize from this region.

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Please note; a different standard of 0.001 mg/kg (1ppb) applies to Country Note QM Milch participants.

What can you do?

Be alert when purchasing maize gluten feed (and possibly also other maize by-products) made from maize originating from south-western France.

If you are involved in this incident, remember that certified companies must inform GMP+ International and the certification body of the matter. To do so, please use the [EWS-form](#). You can find more information about the Early Warning System and submitting a report on the [website](#). You can find the EWS alerts we have published previously on the [portal](#).

Why am I receiving this alert?

GMP+ International and GMP+ FSA certified companies work together to assure and improve worldwide feed safety. Our Early Warning System enables you to do your bit to prevent the further spread of contaminations.

If you have any questions, please give us a call or send us an email via our [Helpdesk](#).

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